



DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No: 190514-1010

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Masonry Units with a Mortar Buffer**, the specification of which:



is attached hereto.



was filed on **July 31, 2003** as Application Serial No. **10/632,490**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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